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Examiner: Ling X. Xu

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Sir:

This is a

[] Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);
[X] Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114
(prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));
[] Divisional Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under 37
CFR §1.53(b);
[] Divisional Application (parent being abandoned) under 37 CFR
§1.53(d);

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/684,927, filed October 10, 2000

for [Title as filed]: PROTECTIVE LAYER TRANSFER SHEET

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Hideki USUKI, Satoshi MORIGUCHI, and Hitoshi SAITO

1. [] A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.

2. [] Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

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3. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

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Independent claims	1 - 3 = 0 x \$86.00 (*43.00) =	-
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4. [X] A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed (Ck# 17162).
THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
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5. [] Cancel in this application claims ____ of the prior application
before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim
is retained for filing purposes.
6. [] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the
sentence:
--This is a [] Continuation [] Division of application Serial No.
09/684,927 filed October 10, 2000.--
7. [X] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR
§1.116 with any attachments filed on September 22, 2003 in this
application which was not entered therein.
8. [X] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 1999-292919 filed October
14, 1999 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- [X] The certified copy was filed in prior application No. 9/684,927
on December 15, 2000.
- [] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is
filed herewith.
9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to DAI NIPPON PRINTING
CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 011370, Frame 0642.

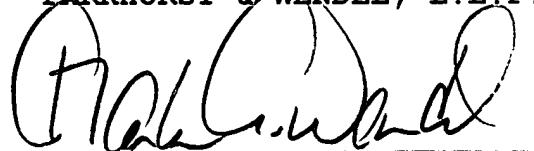
10. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:
- [X] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - [] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 - [X] c. Address all future communications to

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11. [] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed.
12. [] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.
13. [X] An Argument in Support of Patentability is enclosed.
- 14 [X] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

Respectfully submitted,

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ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF PATENTABILITY

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The Examiner had remarked in the Advisory Action mailed October 16, 2003 that the Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 by Kenichi Hirota (the original of that paper being filed by facsimile on October 2, 2003) was insufficient to overcome the prior art rejection "because the data shown (see Table 2) do not indicate the claimed range of 3-10% of microsilica in the adhesive layer has unexpected results." Applicants say with respect that the Declaration does show such unexpected results for the following reasons.

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The Examiner is particularly directed to the OD values in Table 2 of the Declaration at the step 14 and step 15 levels. Here the difference of quality of the transferred image is revealed, particularly in the darker side of the image level. Thus, the quality of the image must be evaluated at those levels. In step 14 and step 15, there is a significant difference between the 0 to 3% microsilica content and the 12 to 20% microsilica content. For example, in step 15, there is a 0.05 to 0.12 OD value difference between the range of the present invention and outside the range of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the value represent a significant unexpected and patentable difference. The Examiner is also directed to the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 of the Declaration where Mr Hirota also explains the significance of the step 15 level values.

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Reconsideration of the case is earnestly solicited.

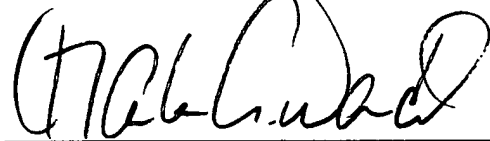
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